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## INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Involvement of Cuban-Trained or Foreign Communist Supported Rebels in the Dominican Insurrection

- l. Early in the present insurrection it became apparent that the well-organized Dominican Communists and associated extremists were committing their full resources to the rebel effort. After loyalist military forces entered the capital on 27 April, the non-Communist rebel elements which had originally sparked the insurrection for the most part abandoned the struggle. The well-armed mobs now resisting the hard-pressed loyalist forces in the city are largely controlled by the Communists and other extremists.
- While there is no evidence that the Castro regime is directly involved in the current insurrection, it is nevertheless clear that Cuban-trained Dominican extremists are taking an active part. It can be demonstrated that at least 45 extremists had returned to the Dominican Republic since last October after receiving training in Cuba and/or elsewhere in the Communist bloc. All or most of these people can be presumed to be active in the current fighting which has a number of aspects reminiscent of Castro's revolutionary tactics. Information received during the last five days--since the outbreak of the revolt--indicates that at least eight and possibly nine of the most active rebels are men who have been trained in or supported by Cuba and that four of these have received guerrilla warfare training there.
- 3. Available information on these nine active rebels follows:

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Current activities: A member of the provisional central committee of the 14th of June Political Group (APCJ, a Castroist revolutionary movement closely associated with the Communists), he participated in the establishment of a "garrison" in a house on the corner of Calle Estrelleta and Avenida Arzobispo Nouel in the capital city.

Subversive background: Identified by

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having received guerrilla warfare training in Cuba. He is a founding member of the APCJ, and currently appears to espouse the Chinese Communist line. He was a leader of the abortive APCJ uprising in late 1963, was captured, and deported to Europe in May 1964. He returned to the Dominican Republic illegally in late October 1964.

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Current activities: An important highlevel leader of the APCJ, he was arrested in Santo Domingo on 24 April--the first day of the insurrection--but released on 26 April.

Subversive background:

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confirmed in 1964 that
had received guerrilla warfare training in
Cuba. He was reportedly sent afterwards to the
Soviet Union with several other trainees. First
reports of his involvement with the APCJ go back
to 1961. In 1963 he held secret posts in the organization and is now on the group's provisional
central executive committee. He is a cousin of
who has figured prominently

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in the current situation.

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Current activities: He and his family figure prominently in the top leadership of the Dominican Popular Socialist party (PSPD, the orthodox Dominican Communist party). Under his leadership, the party has taken an aggressive and militant stand in resisting the loyalist forces in the capital since 27 April.

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